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2. WE HAVE LEARNED THAT HOU XIAOTIAN WAS RELEASED  
AROUND MIDNIGHT ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, AFTER OVER THREE  
DAYS OF "DISCUSSIONS" WITH MPS OFFICIALS. SHE  
MET HOU TODAY (AUGUST 25) AND TOLD US SHE SEEMED IN  
GOOD SPIRITS.

WE'LL SEEK  
A MEETING WITH HOU IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS TO REPORT MORE

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FULLY ON THIS LATEST EVENT.

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3. IN AN AUGUST 25 PHONE CONVERSATION, HONG KONG HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVIST JOHN KAMM TOLD US MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SECURITY'S DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, ZHU ENTAO TOLD HIM EARLIER IN THE DAY THAT HOU WAS FREE, BUT CLAIMED SHE HAD NEVER BEEN "DETAINED." RATHER THE MPS HAD BEEN HAVING A "CHAT" WITH HER; ZHU REPORTED HOU'S ATTITUDE WAS MUCH IMPROVED FOLLOWING THEIR SESSIONS. ZHU ASKED KAMM TO PASS THIS INFORMATION ON TO "YOUR FRIENDS IN THE U.S. EMBASSY."

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5. MEANWHILE WORD IS OUT IN THE BEIJING PRESS CORPS THAT ZHAO ZIYANG ADVISER WU JIAXIANG WAS SENTENCED AUGUST 25 TO THREE YEARS IN PRISONMENT. WU, WHOSE TRIAL HAD BEEN EXPECTED FOLLOWING THE SENTENCING OF FORMER ASSOCIATES BAO TONG AND GAO SHAN, WAS ARRESTED IN SPRING OF 1989. LOCAL JOURNALISTS ARE TRYING TO DETERMINE IF HE HAS ACTUALLY BEEN RELEASED (AS LOGIC WOULD SUGGEST SHOULD BE THE CASE) YET OR NOT.

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6. THE INFORMATION IS COMING OUT IN DRIPS AND DRABS,

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